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Applicants: Rheins and Morhenn Art Unit: 1646
Application No.: 09/375,609 Examiner: S. Prasad
Filed: August 17, 1999
Title: METHODS AND KITS FOR OBTAINING AND ANALYZING SKIN
SAMPLES FOR THE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS (as amended)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 12, 2001.

The requested extension is for One (1) Month, extending the period for response from October 12, 2001 to November 12, 2001.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, November 13, 2001 , in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
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Included in Check No. 494370 is the amount of \$55.00 for the
One (1) Month Extension of Time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any
other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 13, 2001

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